



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office to continue the City's involvement in the Clean Cities Program from September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$17,500 in grant funds is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office. A City match is not required.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Blood, 974-3533

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: 4/14/94 – City Council Resolution established the City of Austin as a member of a regional Clean Cities program;

01/30/03 – City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to continue the Clean Cities Program, and appropriated Program Income of \$10,000 donated by Clean Cities participants.

07/31/03 – City Council authorized acceptance of an amendment to the grant in the amount of \$40,000 to continue the Clean Cities Program.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Department of Energy (DOE) created the Clean Cities program in an effort to create local public/private partnerships to promote the use and purchase of alternative fuels by increasing public awareness.

At the request of the U.S. Department of Energy, the City of Austin is the administrator for the Central Texas Clean Cities Program. In addition to increasing public awareness, the City is responsible for recruiting stakeholders for the Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition. These stakeholders will include the federal government, local government, and private sector. There are 82 Clean Cities coalitions in the US. In Texas there are six (6) coalitions; the Central Texas Clean City (CTCC) coalition includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties.

CTCC regularly holds informational meetings, events and gatherings. Clean Cities programs are successful because of the coalition of motivated individuals working together to reach a common goal. By combining local decision-making with voluntary action, this "grass roots" approach establishes an effective program to create a sustainable alternative fuels market.



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This grant will be used to continue funding for one full-time Conservation Program Specialist to coordinate the program.

The grant will support the existing performance measures as follows:

- Number of days when the Austin region exceeds Ozone standard.
- Approval of this interlocal does not obligate the City to fund the program in subsequent years.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council approves a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office to continue the City's involvement in the Clean Cities Program from September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500; and authorizes Austin Energy to negotiate and execute such contracts with each recipient entity as are reasonable, necessary or required to accomplish the purposes of this funding.

ADOPTED: _____, 2004 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk